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MEMORANDUM FOR: Comptroller
Chief, Logistics Office
Chief, Medical Office
Auditor-in-Chief

SUBJECT : Cable and Dispatch Control

1. The Acting Deputy Director (Administration) has been requested by the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence to make a survey among the various administrative components on the following question:

Does the existent system of cable and dispatch control constitute an unnecessary and unreasonable impediment to prompt and responsive communication with the field on matters of administrative support, guidance, and control?

2. To answer this question objectively and to make recommendations for the adjustment of the present control mechanism it will be necessary to present documented evidence illustrating that the present control system has been and is an impediment.

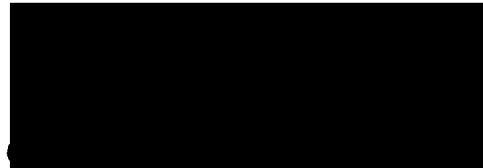
3. It is requested, therefore, that each of you make an internal survey which will disclose the typical and continuing problems and delays encountered by your component in receiving and sending communications to the field. In this connection your general findings should be carefully documented with specific examples of both the typical delays encountered with incoming and outgoing administrative messages and any instances where extreme delays or the complete denial of communications has prevented or seriously jeopardized administrative action.

4. After presenting and documenting your basic findings it is requested that you make specific recommendations as to the apparent causes and reasons for the delay together with other recommendations which might eliminate or improve your present communications problems with the field. In this connection you should give recognition to established security and command concepts and try to isolate such types of administrative communications which you feel are sufficiently free from these factors to warrant the lifting or easing of present control procedures.

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5. It is important that we respond promptly to this question in order that the views of the DD/A components may be considered with those of the other major Agency components. A target date of 5 March is accordingly set for submission of your reports.



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Special Assistant to the DD/A

Attachment:
Survey on Field Communica-
tions Procedures

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